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Protocols, United States Patent Number 09/228,913
entitled Cost Calculation in Load Balancing Switch
Protocols, United States Patent Number 09/228,918
entitled MAC Address Learning and Propagation in Load
Balancing Switch Protocols, United States Patent
Number 09/228,992 entitled Path Recovery on Failure
in Load Balancing Switch Protocols, and United States
Patent Number 09/228,169 entitled Discovery of
Unknown MAC Addresses Using Load Balancing Switch
Protocols, all of which are hereby incorporated by
reference.--

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 137, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Figure 31 illustrates a situation where a non-load balance device 3106 interconnects multiple load balance domains 3100, 3102, and 3104. The load balance domains 3100, 3102, and 3104 includes switches 3110-3114, switches 3120-3124, and switches 3130-3134, respectively. From the switches' point of view this appears much like the case of a non-load balance device connecting multiple ports in the same load balancing domain.--

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 11 as shown below:

1. (Amended) A method operable within a network switch for managing a broadcast tree, said method comprising the steps of:

constructing a pruned broadcast tree by propagation of dynamic cost information packets; and

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